A REPRESENTATION from the GOVERNORS of the HOSPITAL FOR THE SMALL-POX and for INOCULATION.

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THE Governors apprehending that the State and Circumſtances of this important Charity are not ſufficiently known, think it incumbent upon them to acquaint the Public,

THAT there have been received into this Hoſpital, in the four laſt Years, FOURTEEN HUNDRED AND TEN poor Perſons afflicted with the Small-Pox by common Infection.

THAT there have been INOCULATED in this Hoſpital

From 31 *Dec.* 1751 to 31 *Dec.* 1752		112
31 *Dec.* 1752 to 31 *Dec.* 1753		129
31 *Dec.* 1753 to 31 *Dec.* 1754		135
31 *Dec.* 1754 to 31 *Dec.* 1755		217
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THAT out of this large Number of FIVE HUNDRED AND NINETY-THREE, only *one* has died ‡; while this terrible Diſtemper taken by the common, unperceived Infection (uſually called the *Natural* Way) deſtroys, *at leaſt*, ONE in SEVEN (perhaps in a greater Proportion) of thoſe who are ſeized with it.

THAT

‡ "When large Numbers are inoculated, ſome Miſcarriages are almoſt unavoidable. Take any 500 Perſons apparently in perfect Health, the Space of one Month may bring ſeveral of them to the Grave; and if the ſame 500 were inoculated, the ſame Accidents might happen independent of and unconnected with that Operation." *Preface* to the Biſhop of *Worceſter*'s Sermon, p. 6. of the Seventh Edition. Printed by *H. Woodfall* in *Pater-noſter Row*.

THAT the Succeſs, with which Divine Providence continues to bleſs the Practice of Inoculation, has greatly increaſed the Number of poor People imploring to be admitted for that Purpoſe; accordingly many Petitioners, often 100, are continually found upon the Hoſpital-Books more than can poſſibly be received under the preſent too ſcanty Fund; who in the mean time ſtand expoſed to all the Dangers of the common Infection; and many by this Delay are diſcouraged from making any Application at all.

THAT, as theſe poor Supplicants multiply, in great Diſproportion to any preſent Poſſibility of providing for them, this very beneficial Undertaking ſtands in abſolute Need of freſh and ample Supplies from the Bounty of benevolent Minds.

THAT the Governors (in Confidence of liberal Aſſiſtance) to render this Charity more extenſive, hired a larger Houſe for the Reception of Patients, during the 14 Days that are allotted for Preparation (by regular Diet and Phyſic when neceſſary) and alſo to afford ſatisfactory Proof, that the Diſtemper had not been taken by any *previous* Infection: A Circumſtance which always demands the ſtricteſt Attention! After this Term of 14 Days, the Patients are inoculated and continued in *this* Houſe, till the Symptoms of the Diſtemper appear; when they are carefully removed to the *general* Hoſpital.

THAT it is with deep Concern, the Governors find themſelves obliged to lament that the preſent Preparation-Houſe will contain *fourteen* Beds more than the Income of the Society enables them to ſet up. But could this deſirable Increaſe of Beds be obtained, with an additional Fund for maintaining the Patients placed in them, about 120 poor Supplicants, more than at preſent, would every Year

Year be received for Inoculation. This Conſideration, it is hoped, will have its due Influence, in Proportion as Inoculation continually appears more ſafe and beneficial. And very probably even this Houſe may not continue long in their Poſſeſſion, whereby the Expences of a Removal, *&c.* muſt be incurred.

THAT, to prevent the Inconveniencies of admitting a Number of Men and Women at the ſame Time into the *ſame* Houſe of Preparation, the Governors have been obliged to appoint an *alternate* Reception of the different Sexes; but they think it neceſſary to ſubmit to the public Judgment and Compaſſion, the great Expediency of providing *another* Houſe for Preparation and Inoculation. By this happy Addition, Men and Boys, Women and Girls, would be received, at the *ſame time*, into the different Houſes; the Inconveniencies and Diſappointments, which now attend the preſent Condition of this Charity, would be prevented, and much greater Numbers of poor Supplicants would enjoy, what they ſo earneſtly deſire, the Benefit of Inoculation. But then, as a further Inducement to bountiful Contributions, it ſhould be obſerved, that as the Number of inoculated Patients increaſes (which common Humanity cannot but wiſh) NEW Accommodations at a *new* Expence muſt be provided, in the Houſe of *general* Reception for the Patients in both Ways. Very happy it would be, if Chriſtian Compaſſion ſhould inſpire ſuch Bounty as would erect and furniſh a diſtinct Ward for the inoculated Patients!

THAT, although it is by no means requiſite to enlarge upon the great Neceſſity and manifold Utility of this much wanted, wiſe and benevolent Inſtitution, in *both* its Branches; or to repeat and enforce the many

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perſuaſive Motives that would affect the moſt obdurate Heart, in Behalf of diſtreſſed, miſerable, deſtitute Objects, who are afflicted with this dreadful Diſtemper by common Infection, often without any Habitation or Relief; or to offer any Thing farther in Behalf of the artificial Method of communicating this otherwiſe deſtructive Malady, than the large Experience, which proves it to be extremely ſafe, and greatly beneficial to our poor Fellow-creatures who receive the Benefit of Inoculation, as well as to their Families, and indeed to the whole Nation, by preſerving ſo many valuable Lives; and giving a public and inconteſtable Sanction to this ſalutary and life-preſerving Practice; whereby it appears, that only *one* has died out of 593, moſt of them Adults, who have been inoculated: Though it be unneceſſary to enlarge upon theſe Topics, yet the Governors beg leave to offer one Reflection of a very important and extenſive Nature, which has not been uſually taken Notice of, or ſufficiently urged in Behalf of this uſeful Charity, *viz.* That this wiſe and pious Inſtitution not only relieves poor People actually afflicted with the Small-pox, but greatly prevents the ſpreading of this loathſome and fatal Diſeaſe in every Neighbourhood of theſe two great Cities and their widely extended Suburbs. This, it is humbly apprehended, is a Conſideration that merits much Regard; and the annual Preſervation of ſo many Families from ſo dangerous a Contagion, juſtly ſolicits a generous Acknowledgment.

The Biſhop of *Worceſter*, p. 27 of his Sermon, obſerves, "That could poor Wretches be received into "an Hoſpital before the Diſeaſe becomes infectious, "and continued there till they had obtained a Cure,

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" and the Infection ceaſed, the ſpreading this perni-
" cious Malady might be very much leſſened, which
" now in a Courſe of Communication of its ſubtile
" Particles goes far and wide, and ſometimes makes
" ſad Devaſtation in the beſt and greateſt Houſes."

THAT with this friendly View to prevent the ſpreading of an Infection, ſo very pernicious, " A proper " Dreſs is provided for the Patients, and their own " Cloaths carefully fumed with burning Brimſtone are " delivered to them when they leave the Hoſpital." *Vide Standing Orders of the Houſe.*

TAKE for Example the four laſt Years only, in which no leſs than 1,410 poor Creatures infected by common Contagion, have been received, from every Quarter, into this Hoſpital. In how many Neighbourhoods might ſuch a Number have propagated this deſtructive Diſtemper! How many Lives might have fallen by contagious Particles invading the Lungs and Vitals unperceived! The like Effect might in ſome meaſure have followed, had the 593, who have been inoculated in the ſame Period, undergone that Operation in their own reſpective Habitations, or been ſeized with the Diſtemper in the uſual Way.

BUT the prudent Humanity of this well-contrived Inſtitution *collects* all this Contagion into *one* Houſe, ſtanding at a ſmall Diſtance from the Town, and provides that the ſucceſſive Patients be attended by the *ſame* Nurſes and Servants, who are confined to the Limits of the Hoſpital: The contagious Fumes are continually carried off by proper VENTILATORS to the *Top of the Houſe*, and, being lighter than common Air, there aſcend and are diſperſed like Smoak. By theſe Means,

Means, even in the very *Neighbourhood* the Diſtemper has not been ſpread; and great Care is taken, that the diſmiſſed Patients ſhould not carry Infection to any diſtant Places. How many Families, how many Diſtricts are by this kind Proviſion, happily preſerved from this calamitous Malady, which muſt have invaded them when thoſe infected perſons were diſperſed in ſo many different Places!

Let this excellent Charity (vaſtly beneficial in many other Reſpects) be viewed and conſidered in *this* Light *only*; is it poſſible it ſhould any longer continue in extreme Want of large and bountiful Aſſiſtance! What would thouſands of Families give to remove the Infection, when it happens to rage at their own Doors, and threatens themſelves or their Children! And how deſirable a Preſervative would this benevolent Undertaking, if duly encouraged and extended, continually prove againſt many anxious and tormenting Fears, and much real Danger and Miſchief! How ſerviceable to our Fleets and Armies!

The Governors, unwilling to expatiate any farther, chooſe to leave ſo pious and public-ſpirited a Deſign to the private Influences of generous Humanity and chriſtian Benevolence; and humbly hope, that their Zeal for this Charity, which *they know* to be ſo extenſively uſeful, will not be thought to exceed its due Bounds; if with all Submiſſion they repreſent, that as the Wants of the Charity at *this* Time are very great and preſſing, ſo no Time ſeems more proper for Works of Compaſſion and Mercy, than the *preſent Time* of Faſting and Humiliation; and no Inſtance of Mercy and Compaſſion more beneficial or more wanted, than a bountiful Regard to the miſerable, deſtitute Objects, who labour under

der that terrible Diſtemper the *Small-pox* by common Infection; or, who to avoid the Danger of *ſo great* a Deſtroyer, moſt importunately implore Inoculation.

Signed, by Order of the GOVERNORS, *at a* GENERAL COURT, *held at* Haberdaſher's-Hall, Jan. 28, 1756.

ROBT. REYNOLDS, *Secretary.*

*** PERSONS diſpoſed to aſſiſt this uſeful *Charity*, which ſo much wants Aſſiſtance, may ſend their Benefactions or Subſcriptions,

For the general Deſign,
For the particular Purpoſe of Inoculation,
For the Relief of thoſe who labour under the Diſtemper by common Infection,

To Mr. *Iſaac Akerman*, Treaſurer to the HOSPITAL, at his Houſe in *Fenchurch-ſtreet*; or to the following Bankers, *viz.* Sir *Joſeph Hankey*, and Company, in *Fenchurch-ſtreet*; Meſſ. *Ironſide*, *Belchier* and *How*, in *Lombard-ſtreet*; Meſſ. *Campbell* and *Couttes*, in the *Strand*; *Andrew Drummond*, Eſq; and Comp. at *Charing-Croſs*.

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